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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THE PROPOSAL IN PARAGRAPH 3 REF (A), AND WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN APPOINTMENTS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM VISIT FOLLOWING IATA SECURITY SURVEY DURING JULY 28 MEETING HERE WITH FAA CHIEF COUNSEL BERT GOODWIN AND TWA OFFICIALS. EMBASSY IS ALSO SCHEDULING COURTESY CALL FOR GOODWIN ON HCAA GOVERNOR DEROS. PLEASE ADVISE US OF PROPOSED ARRIVAL DATE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM ASAP.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSAL (PARA 1 REF A) OF A JOINT DEMARCHE IN ATHENS BY WESTERN AMBASSADORS, WE WILL OF COURSE COOPERATE IN ANY SUCH EFFORT. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO FOCUS GOG ATTENTION ON THE NECESSITY FOR CORRECTIVE MEASURES WOULD BE A STRONG APPROACH THROUGH SOME APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY, SUCH AS IATA, RATHER THAN DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES, EVEN
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COORDINATED ONES. SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL BODY COULD

MORE EFFECTIVELY PRESENT TO THE GOG THE TECHNICAL ARGUMENTS
AND FACTORS INVOLVED, IN THE COURSE OF FRANK
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TECHNICAL EXPERTS. AMBASSADORIAL CALLS
BY WESTERN COUNTRIES ON THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE DEPOSIT
OF AIDES-MEMOIRE WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF COMBINED
WITH AN ASSURED FOLLOW-UP BY IATA.
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